(d) the time by which the information is likely to be collected ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) The information has already been furnished on 1.3.96 in fulfilment of the Assurance to the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2642 dated 31.3.95.

(b) It is reported that there is no mica mine in the Gujarat region. Hence the question of labourers being rendered unemployed due to closure of such mines does not arise.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.

[English]

Export of Granite

5367. SHRI N.S.V. CHITTHAN : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether granite stones have been exported during the last three years;

(b) if so, the States from which the granite stones have been exported; and

(c) the countries to which they are exported and foreign exchange earned as a result thereof during the above period ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Granite stone has been exported mainly from Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka.

(c) Granite (Stone and Products) have been exported to about 100 countries and foreign exchange earned during the last 3 years is Rs. 772.29 crores, Rs. 993 crores and Rs. 1100 crores (estimated) respectively.

Names of countries importing granite from India for more than Rs. 10 lakhs during each of the last three years are as under: —

Australia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Canada, China, Denmark, France, Germany, Hongkong, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea (Democratic People's Republic of), Korea (Republic of), Kuwait, Malaysia, Mauritius, Netherland, New Zealand, Oman, Portugal, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Spain, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, United Republic of Tanjania, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States of America, Venezuela etc.

Tourist Spots in Barddhaman

5368. SHRI BALAI CHANDRA RAY : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government are aware that there are several beautiful tourist spots in the district of Barddhaman;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government have declared any of them as tourist spot;

(c) whether any amount have been allocated for further development of those tourist spots;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Union Government are considering to give due publicity to those tourist places; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : (a) to (d) Identification of tourist spots is a continuous process and is primarily the responsibility of the State/U.T. Governments. The Government of West Bengal has identified following tourist spots in Barddhaman :

a. Barddhaman Town.

b. Places of historical interest in Barddhaman.

c. Durgapur Industrial Township.

d. Maithon Dam & Reservoir.

e. Asansol.

The Department of Tourism, Government of India, has provided financial assistance for following projects in Barddhaman for the development of tourism in the District:

1.	Wayside facilities at Durgapur	Rs. 26.38 lakhs
2.	Wayside facilities at Burdwan	Rs. 13.71 lakhs
3.	Tourist Complex at Maithon	Rs. 26.70 lakhs
4.	Tourist Lodge at Asansol	Rs. 29.33 lakhs

(e) and (f) For the promotion of tourism in the area, the State Government organises conducted tours.

Child Labour

5369. SHRI YELLAIAH NANDI : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the latest figures obtained in respect of child labourers who have been employee in Andhra Pradesh as on date;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise;

(c) the number of child labourers employed in hazardous industries in the above State as on date;

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to prevent employment of child labour in general and particularly in hazardous industries; and

(e) the punitive measures the Government propose to initiate against employers of child labour in the above State ?